

January 16, 2026

Panther Tales

Peace Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter

Hello Peace Families,

We have completed our first two weeks of the new year and are excited for all that lies ahead as we continue through January. With many special events on the horizon, there is much to look forward to in our school community.

Varsity basketball season is now underway! We invite families to check the school calendar for game schedules and come out to cheer on our teams as they compete and strive for victory. Your support makes a meaningful difference to our student-athletes.



We will also kick off National Lutheran Schools Week on January 25. Please watch for additional information coming home about special activities and themed dress days as we “joyfully make a noise” and celebrate the many blessings of Lutheran education. This special week allows us to come together in gratitude for our school, our students, our families, and our faith.

On Monday, January 26, from 6:00-7:00 pm, we will welcome families to our Open House. Please refer family, friends, and neighbors looking for Christ-centered education for their child, for preschool through grade 8. In addition, families will have the opportunity to learn more about Peace, meet and talk to classroom teachers, and explore the variety of programs available to students and families.

Our National Lutheran Schools Week celebration will conclude with two great events. On Thursday, January 29, the Knowledge Fair for grades K-8 and a Family Worship Service on Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 p.m. Our preschool students will help lead worship by singing joyful praises. Following the service, families are invited to join us for fellowship, pizza, cookies, and milk in the gym.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the month!

Blessings,

Suzette Quail
Early Childhood Director

Important Upcoming Dates

January 19: No School - MLK Day

January 19: Re-Enrollment Begins

January 19: Blood Drive from 12 - 6 pm
January 22: 3rd Grade Field Trip
January 26: Open House from 6 - 7 pm
January 26: No PM Latchkey
January 25 - 31: National Lutheran Schools Week
January 28: 2nd Grade Special Persons' Day
January 29: K-8 Knowledge Fair & Chili Cook-off
January 31: Children's Worship Service at 5 pm

School Calendar

Church Calendar

Important Bus Dates

2/18/2026 - No AM & PM

2/19/2026 - No AM & PM Buses

2/20/2026 - No AM & PM Buses

2/21/2026 - No AM & PM Buses

2/22/2026 - No AM & PM Buses

6/5/2026 - No PM Buses





**RE-ENROLLMENT
OPENS**

JANUARY 19

**FOR THE 2026 - 2027
SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRESCHOOL AGE 2 – YOUNG 5S
KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE**



**2026 OPEN HOUSE
MONDAY
JANUARY 26
6:00PM - 7:00PM**

**PRESCHOOL AGE 2 – YOUNG 5S
KINDERGARTEN – 8TH GRADE**



Latchkey Hours

January 26th: No PM Latchkey



American
Red Cross



Blood Drive

MONDAY

January 19 (MLK Day)

12:00pm – 6:00pm

Register at www.redcrossblood.org

enter sponsor code: peaceshelby

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

CHILI COOK-OFF & KNOWLEDGE FAIR



The Annual Peace Knowledge Fair Features:

6:00-6:45pm | Chili Cook-Off Dinner

6:00-7:30pm | Desserts and Bake Sale

6:30-7:30pm | Classroom Displays

- Chili & Toppings Bar - \$5/person
- Pizza - \$2 a slice
- Pop, Water, Bake Sale

**Proceeds Benefit
8th Grade Trip 2026**

Calling all Cooks!

Do you make a great chili? Be sure to enter this year's annual Chili Cook-Off. Crockpots of chili will be displayed anonymously, and attendees will vote for their top three. The cook with the most votes will be awarded a prize. Your chili MUST be in the gym by 5:45pm.

Questions contact

Sarah Honce (sarah@honce.com)

Join us on **THURSDAY, January 29**, for a Chili Cook-off. Come eat and judge a variety of different homemade Chili's beginning at 6:00 pm.

All proceeds will benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip.
We invite you to stay for the Knowledge Fair following the Chili Cook-off Dinner.
Classroom Displays will be from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

Chili Cook-off Entry Form

**PERFECT FOR A CAR BLANKET
OR ON THE GO!**

\$25

**Get your Peace Blanket
at the Chili Cook-Off &
Knowledge Fair**

SIZE: 50" X 60"

PEACE PANTHERS

**HUNDREDS OF BLANKETS!
SPLIT BLANKET FUNDRAISER**

Stay warm and cozy with our plush 50"x 60" blankets—perfect for chilly nights, sporting events, or gifting! Every blanket sold helps fund the 8th Grade Class Trip.

Get yours today and wrap up in comfort while supporting our students' big adventure! Each blanket is \$25. Limited quantity available. Thank you for your support! Questions, Contact Renee Gedeon at reneegedeon@gmail.com

Children's Worship Service



SATURDAY | JANUARY 31 | 5:00PM

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

GLOW
CRAZY
PRE SCHOOL FAMILY DANCE



FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 27
6:30PM-8:00PM

00:00:00

STORY TIME!

**Wednesdays In March
10-11:00am
March 4, 11, 18 & 25**

Celebrate children's favorite authors during March with Mrs. Vitale, Peace Preschool Panther Cubs Teacher. Join us for a story, craft, sensory play, and music & movement activities each Wednesday in March!



6580 24 Mile Road
Shelby Township, MI 48316

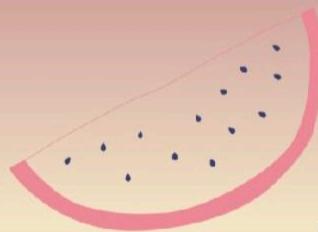


For more information, call the school office at
586-731-4120
or email squail@peaceshelby.org

**Open to children ages 2-5 with
parent/caregiver**



Need a tutor?



Text: 586-802-0854

or



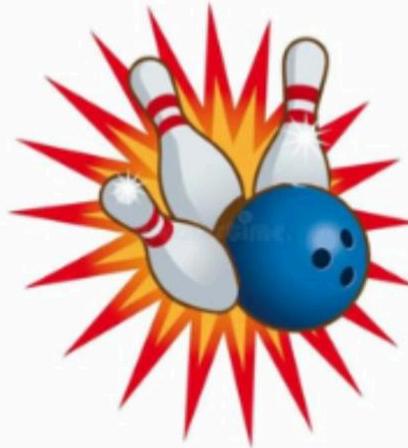
Email: ashlaine0505@gmail.com

Hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays ~ 6:00 - 8:00pm
Saturdays ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

My name is Ashley Abele and I'm a freshman at Oakland University, studying English Education. I help with Latchkey here at Peace in the mornings and afternoons, and I have a lot of experiences working with kids across all age groups. Between helping my younger brothers with homework, helping with Kid-Zone, and other leadership opportunities in high school and college, I can tutor all subjects for all grades with a focus on reading and writing skills.

I am willing and able to drive to students' houses for tutoring sessions; sessions would be an hour to two hours depending on student needs. I am looking for \$20-\$25 an hour; I accept cash, but I also have Venmo!

Trinity Bowling Club



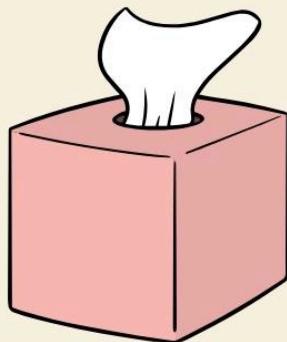
This is in collaboration with Peace Lutheran

- Ages: Young 5 - 8th Grade
Young 5s - 3rd Grade must have THEIR parent or grandparent with them (Other parents cannot substitute)
- Equipment - None needed, but you may bring your own
- Where - Shelby Lanes - 50721 Van Dyke
- When - Mondays 4:15 - 5:45 pm, January 5-March 23
- **No club on February 16**
- Cost - \$100 per child for the 10-week session

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Contact Kelly Wilks at
kellywilks98@gmail.com

**Please consider donation
the following:**



**Tissue for the
class specials
and the office**

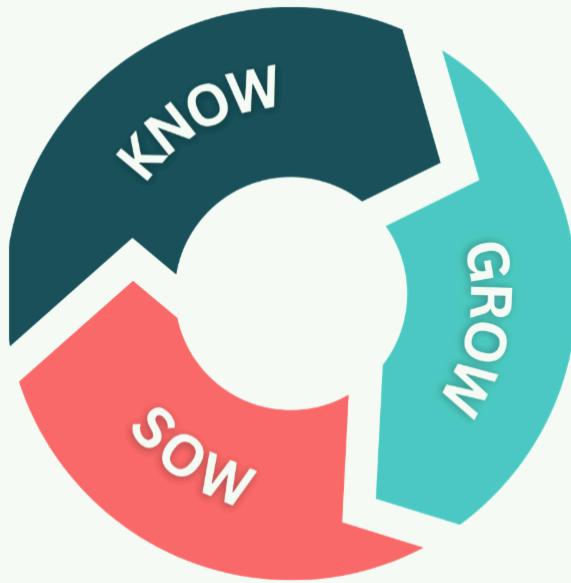
**Clorox wipes
for the office,
art class, and
Spanish class**



**Please click the link below to check out our new
website for spirit wear. Show you Panther Spirit!**



[Peace Spirit Wear Website](#)



**Interested in the
yearly theme shirt?**

**Purchase your
shirt at Peace's
Spirit Wear shop
today!**

SERVE PEACE

School Volunteer Opportunities



**Scan the QR code to visit
the volunteer signup page
or call the office to volunteer.**

Peace requires every Kindergarten - 8th grade family to contribute fifteen (15) volunteer hours for the school year. Please give serious thought and consideration to your volunteer hours and choose a place that you feel will be most beneficial to you and our school.

Volunteer hours must be completed. If you have done volunteer hours, please fill out the volunteer form and return it to the office. Please click the link listed below for the volunteer form. The volunteer form can also be retrieved from the office.

Volunteer opportunities are listed weekly and updated as opportunities arise. You can view the volunteer forms and opportunities at the links below.

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Volunteer Background
Check Consent Form](#)

[Volunteer Hours Record
Form](#)

RaiseRight:

How it works:

- Buy gift cards at face value
- Earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy
- Use gift cards at full value for your everyday purchases
- 75% of the rebate goes back to your FACTS account (school quarterly) the other 25% supports Peace!

A few details about RaiseRight funds posting to your FastDirect account.

- **Deposits to FACTS:** RaiseRight rebate deposits will be added to your FACTS account 5 times a year, following each school quarter and end of summer.
- **75/25:** Peace has a 75/25 program. This means that 75% of the rebate goes back to the family FACTS account and 25% of the rebate goes back to Peace. So when it posts to your FACTS account, you'll see 75% of what is posted in your RaiseRight account.
- **How to use RaiseRight funds:** Once funds have been deposited to your FACTS account, the funds are available to use within FACTS (fees, general, tuition, lunch, etc). An email must be sent to Diane Evanson (ddawson@peaceshelby.org), Peace's Finance Manager, expressing the use of RaiseRight funds needed.

Get started:

Create an account on [the RaiseRight app](#) or at [RaiseRight.com](#) using our organization's enrollment code: 287EE72E15134

Seamlessly check out and receive eGift cards faster by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

[Email Holly Nelson](#) (hnelson@peaceshelby.org) with any questions that you may have.

[Shop Here!](#)

Prayer Requests

- We pray for safety for our athletes throughout the season.
- Pray for all those dealing with sickness or injury.
- Mr. Nelson's dad as he recovers from a stroke.
- Pray for healing for kidney cancer (This is for a 6-year-old child)
- Prayers for Wilf (5 years old), who just underwent brain surgery and will start chemo and radiation.

If you have any prayer requests for us to post, please email tredford@peaceshelby.org.

Lutheran High



**LUTHERAN
NORTHWEST**

Lutheran High
Northwest
Upcoming Events
Please visit their
website.



**LUTHERAN
NORTH**

Lutheran High
North
Upcoming Events
Please visit their
website.

LHNW is now accepting **online applications for the 2026-2027 school year!** If you have an 8th grader and have already decided that Lutheran Northwest is the right fit for your family, please visit www.lutherannorthwest.com/application to begin your child's journey to becoming a Crusader!

[Find More Events Here!](#)

[Lutheran North Website](#)



[Lutheran NW Website](#)

School and Church Office

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 - 4:00 pm

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